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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(MBHB Case No. 03-767)

In the Application of: )  
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 Highland, et al. )  
 ) Examiner: Not Assigned  
 Serial No.: 10/634,415 )  
 ) Group Art Unit: 3624  
 Filing Date: August 5, 2003 )  
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 For: System and Method for Price-Based Annotations )  
 in an Electronic Trading Environment )

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
  - a) Status Inquiry; and
  - b) Postcard.
2. With respect to fees:
  - a) No fee is required.
  - b) Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment our Deposit Account, No. 13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,

Brian R. Harris  
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Date: November 8, 2004



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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request an indication of the status of the above-referenced application. This application was filed on August 5, 2003. However, to date, the Applicants have not received an office action. Applicants would gratefully appreciate receiving a written communication indicating when Applicants may expect to receive a first office action on this application.

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